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WEENEY VS. FRAZER

INDIANAPOLIS PRESBYTERY.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

AVON, Ind., Sept. 19.—Yesterday there was quite a little stir created in the Indiana Presbytery meeting at White Lick church, when the stated clerk informed the members that he had received a communication from Rev. Z. T. Sweeney, pastor the Christian Church of Columbus, concerning charges reflecting upon one of the members of the presbytery, Rev. F. C. Frazer.

A motion was made to refer it to the committee. This was discussed some length. Some favored the motion on the ground that it had come up in a regular way and should receive respectful attention, as Mr. Sweeney was well known a man of culture, a Christian gentleman and not a person likely to present an improper paper to the body. Others contended that Mr. Sweeney was not a Presbyterian, and the body should not entertain charges from any one but a member of the Presbyterian Church. An amendment was finally offered to return the communication to Mr. Sweeney without con-

amendment. After some discussion the amendment was declared carried. This decision creating some stir, the moderator

The Journal representative secured a copy of Mr. Sweeney's letter, which is as follows:

Indianapolis Presbytery:
"Brethren—I desire to submit to you the following statement. I have been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis since the first of January, 1876, by brief exception or two, since 1871; have built it up from 186 members to over 1,200. In these days of our country's political confusion with my ministerial colleagues have been highly congenial and fraternal, most of them ready to lay down their lives for our common personal friends.

On July 30, 1876, Fenwick W. Fraser, a prominent and highly esteemed as a personal friend and Christian gentleman, to whom I have been true and respectful, with my warning, published the following card the Daily Times of this city over his name:—

"But I may yet have to give to the public facts which will reflect no credit on the name of Fenwick W. Fraser."

The same evening I read the notice to my congregation of over 1,000 persons and demanded the 'facts.' I went next day to

in Church, with whom Rev. Fraser had been acquainted for some time, and to produce the facts. Over my protest he went on a vacation of nearly two months, leaving the church in a state of confusion and confusion on myself to the extent of "infusing" the same.

"Finally, he threw the responsibility on a well-known liar, who had received the same kind of disapproval from the congregation—largely for falsity—before he went to Mr. Fraser with the base story. He then called on me to produce and prove his own witness a liar in the public streets of this city, and have proven by the testimony of gentlemen present that he boasted that he had come to an understanding with Rev. Fraser, and they 'went down' and 'settled' the matter 'as usual'."

"I have called upon Mr. Fraser on more than one occasion to meet me in a fraternal investigation of his charge, only to be rebuffed by his evasive and evasive explanations. I have repeatedly demanded that he join me in a mutually chosen tribunal to settle the matter, and he has refused to withdraw it. I have offered, if he will do

...knew his witness was a liar when he
used him, and also to prove Mr. Fraser a
liar as well. I have offered to show that
his witness's statement on which he solely

ferred to pay his witness's fare from Virginia and return if he will bring back the truth of his statement in open court I have offered a reward against him. At this moment I have offered the above. I have offered to proceed against Mr. Fraser for perjury if he will not appear in court to what he has published in the newspapers and written to me. In all the above references I have not warned me that I am in danger of personal injury from him unless I take care.

Mr. Fraser, if you should hear that he will at once demand a trial and exonerate himself from the above charges, it marks you out. He will not do so. I deny any of the above allegations. I will submit the correspondence between us with some corroborating affidavits as the basis of my defense. I will not discuss the allegations of this letter.

In conclusion I leave the matter with you. I have lived for years without a church and to force myself into one now. I only ask of Mr. Fraser to pay my witness's fare. I am willing that he withdraw his base charges against me.

"If your presbytery can suggest anything

I will thank you to point it out, the statements of this letter are either true or false. If true, I will be glad you alone can give. If false, I will not say an easy matter for Fr. Fraser to show. I will not say anything which Fr. Fraser may deny by an appeal to our correspondence. It is at any rate true.
 Sincerely and fraternally,
 "Z. T. SWEENEY,
 "Pastor, Christian Church,"
 Columbus, Ind., Sept. 16.

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